

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION	PROCESSING ACTION
		SECRET	MARKED FOR INDEXING
TO: CHIEF, IC			NO INDEXING REQUIRED
INFO: COS/G, 7/FQB			ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING
FROM: CHIEF OF BASE, BONN			MACROFILM
SUBJECT: INTEL/CALL/ERHARD'S ALLEGED COLLAPSE FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON.			
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
REF- CGNS- 737 -2			
<p>1. AT THE TIME, IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT ERHARD WENT DIRECTLY TO HIS HOME WHEN HE RETURNED TO BONN FROM WASHINGTON. HE WAS THEN THOUGHT TO BE SUFFERING FROM NORMAL FATIGUE. WE WILL BE GLAD TO INQUIRE FURTHER WHEN [] RETURNS TO BONN. WE ARE CERTAIN, THAT [] OR [] WOULD ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO SUCH INFORMATION.</p> <p>2. WHEN [] TALKED TO [] ON 14 DECEMBER, THE LATTER HAD CLEARLY HEARD NOTHING ABOUT AN ERHARD COLLAPSE. [] WHO IS ANTI-ERHARD, WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE HESITATED TO COMMENT IF HE HAD HEARD OF SUCH A COLLAPSE. SINCE [] HAS BEEN FACE TO FACE WITH ERHARD IN CABINET MEETINGS SINCE THE CHANCELLOR'S RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, WE FEEL [] HAS HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE ERHARD'S CONDITION. WE FEEL, TOO, THAT [] WOULD PROBABLY BE INFORMED IF ANYTHING UNUSUAL HAD AFFECTED HIS CHIEF'S HEALTH. FURTHERMORE, AS HEADQUARTERS IS AWARE, ERHARD HAS MADE SEVERAL PUBLIC APPEARANCES SINCE HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, BEFORE THE TELEVISION CAMERAS AND ELSEWHERE. DURING THESE APPEARANCES, HE SEEMED TO BE IN FINE FETTER. WE HAVE HEARD NO COMMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT HE IS ANY THE WORSE FOR BEARING THE BURDENS OF HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE.</p> <p>3. 1, 9, 26 NOVEMBER, KARL GARBE TOLD [] AND [] WHO WAS AT [] HOME AT THE SAME TIME, THAT JOURNALISTS WERE ENGAGED IN SOME SPECULATION ON THE DAY ERHARD RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON BECAUSE HE DID NOT ATTEND A CABINET MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE TWO HOURS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN BONN. THIS IS EVIDENTLY [] ONLY BASIS FOR HIS STATEMENT ABOUT AN ERHARD COLLAPSE.</p>			
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